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SUBJECT: TURKISH BASE NEGOTIATIONS - ASSISTANCE ARTICLE XX

REF: (A) ANKARA 1808 (B) ANKARA 1843

1. ALTHOUGH RESOLUTION OF DURATION/TERMINATION ISSUE HAS BEEN DEFERRED UNTIL CAGLAYANGIL VISIT TO WASHINGTON, IT WOULD ADVANCE OUR EFFORTS TO SETTLE REMAINDER OF PARAGRAPH 3 ARTICLE XX LANGUAGE, IF EMBASSY COULD EXPLORE TURKISH PREFERENCE FOR PHRASE "SUCH PROGRAM CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED REGARDING FUTURE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS INSTEAD OF MORE DEFINITE "SUCH PROGRAM DOES NOT ENTER INTO FORCE," WHICH WE WOULD PREFER. WE ARE ALSO PUZZLED BY TURKISH REFERENCE IN THEIR FORMULATION TO ARTICLE XXII (1) IN WHICH THEY HAVE PROVIDED FOR AUTOMATIC RENEWAL, A CONCEPT WHICH CONFLICTS WITH THE THRUST OF ARTICLE XX PARA 3.

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2. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION PER SE TO SEPARATING ARTICLE XXII

(5) ON PIPELINE AND WITHDRAWAL INTO TWO PARAGRAPHS (PARA 4, REFTEL B). HOWEVER, APPLICATION OF BOTH PARAGRAPHS TO ALL TERMINATION PROVISIONS SHOULD BE CLEAR. GOT TEXT REFTEL A PARA 3 DOES NOT ACCOMPLISH THIS.

3. EMBASSY MAY ACCEPT TURKISH BRACKETED LANGUAGE IN LIEU

OF US LANGUAGE FOR PARA 2 ARTICLE XXII AS SET FORTH ANKARA 1050, BUT SENTENCE WOULD BE CLEARER IF MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

"THE PARTIES SHALL CONSULT AT ANY TIME DURING THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT, ON THE INITIATIVE OF EITHER, TO CONSIDER ITS POSSIBLE AMENDMENT" (RATHER THAN TURKISH "POSSIBLE AMENDMENT THEREOF"). INGERSOLL

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